

bluish-grey, coarsely darkly punctate, two slightly oblique, impunctate, ochraceous spots in transverse series on apical area, the posterior angles prominently black; scutellum bluish-grey, prominently, cruciately, ochraceously carinate; corium subhyaline with its apical margin black, reflecting the dark abdomen beneath which is black, and with the lateral margins and some central spots dark ochraceous; body beneath and legs ochraceous; antennæ pale ochraceous, the apical joint darkest, shorter than the second, but longer than the third.

Long. 5 mm.

Hab. Queensland; Kuranda (*T. P. Dodd*).

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THIS Report, the fifth in succession, records the stranding during the year 1917 of 31 Cetaceans, belonging to at least 12 species, on the coasts of the British Islands. Several of these are of quite exceptional interest, and the male cachalot (*Physeter catodon*), nearly 60 feet in length, which was found floating dead in the Moray Firth and towed to the Caithness coast by a patrol boat, heads the list in point of size. Other noteworthy records are those of the rare northern white-sided dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus acutus*) from Skegness, Lincs, observed for the first time in English waters; the equally rare Risso's grampus (*G. griseus*) and Cuvier's beaked whale (*Ziphius cavirostris*) from the coasts of South Devon and Clare respectively; and the large rorqual, probably *Balaenoptera physalus*, from the Scilly Islands. An interesting summary of the occurrence and distribution of the commercially valuable bottle-nosed whale (*Hyperoodon rostratus*) in British waters appears on p. 16. Although some of the animals were, when found, in very bad condition, it is satisfactory to learn that in many cases it was found possible to preserve the jaws and other hard parts for identification and future reference; and due acknowledgment is given to the assistance of the coastguard and other authorities in these observations, in the midst of more exacting duties.